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FRANKFURT FOR RSS

FROM RCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMTC, AVCE, AFSP, ASEC

SUBJECT: E&E VHF VOICE COMMUNICATIONS NET - ATHENS

REF: ATHENS 0177

- 1. WHILE RCO HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE EMBASSY'S PROPOSAL RE PURCHASE MOTOROLA EQUIPMENT, WISH TO POINT OUT FOR THE RECORD THAT PRIMARY CAUSE FOR THE PRESENT SYSTEM'S UNRELIABILITY AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 REFTEL IS INACCURATE RPT INACCURATE. THE PRIMARY REASON FOR THE SYSTEM'S LIMITED USEFULNESS IS BECAUSE "OUR" PRIMARY FREQUENCY IS USED BY THE GREEK NAVY. THE SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH DURING LAST RCO VISIT TO ATHENS AND JOINT EMBASSY/RCO RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED TO DEPT (77 ATHENS 3404). THEREFORE, UNTIL THE FREQUENCY PROBLEM IS RESOLVED, WE ARE AT A STANDSTILL. PARAGRAPH 6 REFTEL INDICATES PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, HOWEVER, THIS IS THE FIRST INDICATION TO THAT EFFECT RCO HAS RECEIVED.
- 2. THE EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE THE DEPT WITH A CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF COSTS FOR EACH UNIT IN ORDER TO COMPARE PRICES WITH US PROCUREMENT.

3. RCO AWARE FY-78 FUNDS FOR RADIO EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT VERY MUCH DEPLETED, THEREFORE, DEFER ACTION TO DEPT.

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